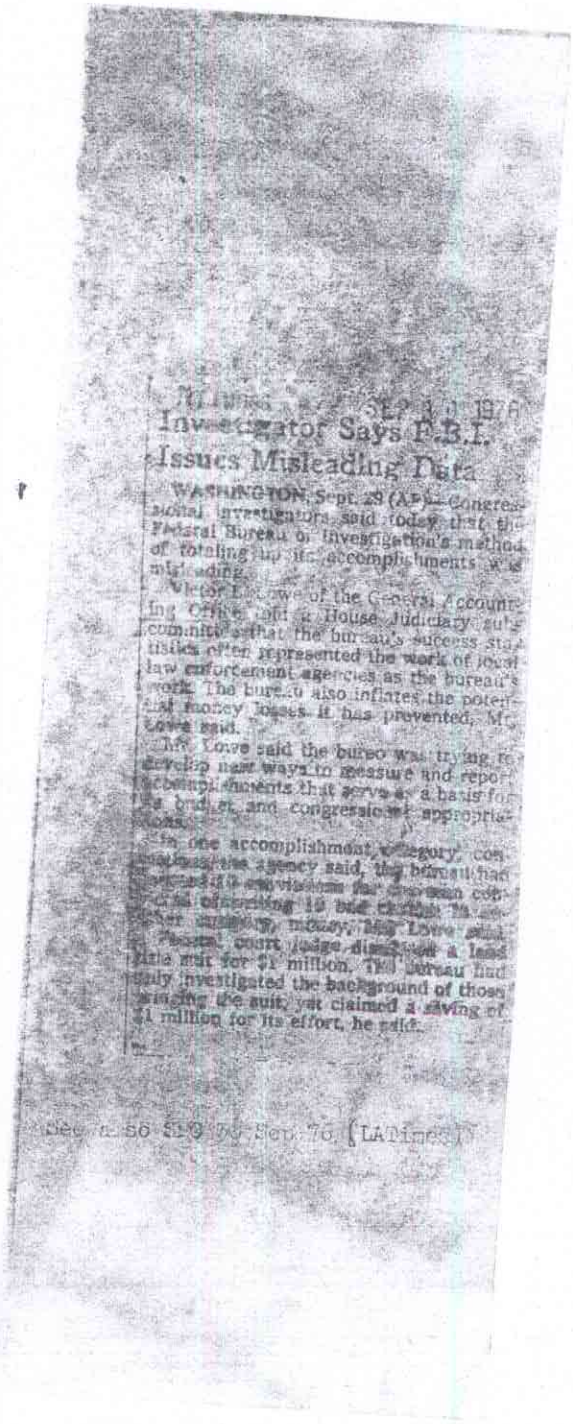

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Investigator Says F.B.I. Issues Misleading Data

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (AP)—Congressional investigators said today that the Federal Bureau of Investigation's method of totaling up its accomplishments was misleading.

Victor L. Lowe of the General Accounting Office told a House Judiciary subcommittee that the bureau's success statistics often represented the work of local law enforcement agencies as the bureau's work. The bureau also inflates the potential money losses it has prevented, Mr. Lowe said.

Mr. Lowe said the bureau was trying to develop new ways to measure and report accomplishments that serve as a basis for its budget and congressional appropriations.

In one accomplishment category, cited by the agency said, the bureau had reported that convictions for white-collar crimes, including bank embezzlement, mail fraud and bribery, had resulted in the recovery of $1 billion. The bureau had actually investigated the background of those convicted, the suit, yet claimed a saving of $1 million for its effort, he said.

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